

OUTREACH NOTICE



Boise National Forest Forester (Zoned Silviculturist) GS-0460-11 Mountain Home, ID

The Boise National Forest is conducting outreach for a GS-0460-11 Zone Silviculturist position for the South Zone Vegetation Management Program, with the duty station located in Mountain Home, Idaho.

This position opens March 1, 2013 and closes March 18, 2013.

Please use Announcement Number 13-04020001-2788G-CA to apply for this position.

Position Information - The Vegetation Management Program on the Boise National Forest is operated under a zone concept. Multiple Ranger Districts are managed by this zoned GS-11 position. The “South Zone Vegetation Management Program” is defined as the Mountain Home and Idaho City Ranger Districts and includes the timber and silviculture programs. The incumbent is primarily responsible for the development, planning, and application of silvicultural methods and practices including timber stand improvement and reforestation functions.

Supervision and Leadership – This position provides supervision for 2 permanent full time forester/silviculture employees and is the second line supervisor to up to four permanent seasonal silviculture technicians.

About the Boise National Forest and Ranger Districts

The Boise National Forest consists of over 2,600,000 acres and includes five Ranger Districts and the Lucky Peak Nursery.

The Mountain Home Ranger District is the southernmost District on the Boise National Forest and about 650,000 acres in size. It is located in close proximity to Boise, Idaho. The District has a robust program of work that covers vegetation management, recreation, range, wildlife, fisheries, watershed, fire and fuels, noxious weeds, minerals and special uses.

There are about 30 permanent employees and the District typically hires additional temporary employees. The landscape is very diverse and mountainous transitioning from desert at the lower elevations, through ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir forests, to high alpine (9700 feet). The highest drivable point in Idaho is located on the district at Trinity Mountain Lookout.

The District and nearby areas provide a diversity of recreational opportunities including 20 plus lakes, 3 major reservoirs, Bogus Basin Ski Area, Boise river, Rocky Bar Historic Mining District, Danskin Motorized trail system, and the Trinity Mountain and Rainbow Basin recreation areas.

Mountain Home Community Information

Mountain Home is a vibrant rural community of approximately 15,000 and is the county seat of Elmore County. The community is proud to be known as the home of the Mountain Home Air Force Base 366th Fighter Wing and a strong agricultural community.

Government housing is not available in Mountain Home. However, there are numerous homes available for rent or purchase in the local area and in nearby Boise approximately 40 miles from the District office. A typical 3-bed/2-bath single family home in Mountain Home Idaho, costs an average of \$120,000, with rental properties ranging from \$600 to \$1000 per month.

Mountain Home includes 4 elementary schools, 2 junior high schools and 2 high schools. Boise State University is located in the capital city of Boise. Several private universities and a community college are within a reasonable commuting distance.

Churches representing several denominations can be found within the local commuting area. Mountain Home has a variety of medical and dental clinics. There is one hospital located in Mountain Home (28 – bed facility with an emergency room and Life Flight capabilities) and three large hospitals located in Boise.

Annual precipitation in Mountain Home averages 10 inches/year with most occurring from late fall to spring. Total annual snowfall averages 11 inches with most occurring in December and January. Elmore County averages 80 to 85 percent sunny days during the months of July and August. On average there are 55 days a year that are 90 degrees (F) or above.

Websites to learn more about Mountain Home:

Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce <http://www.mountainhomechamber.com/>

Contact

If you are interested in the South Zone Silviculturist position, please contact Stephaney Church, Mountain Home District Ranger, schurch@fs.fed.us at (208) 587-7961, ext. 7130.